

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

CRAIG FARAH, Personal
Representative of the ESTATE OF
NICHOLAS FARAH; LISA WALTER, as
Next Best Friend of E.T.; and JOLENE
GEARY, as Next Best Friend of E.F.,

Plaintiffs

vs.

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN
POLICE DEPARTMENT; RICHARD
NEWMAN; SAMUEL MENDOZA;
AARON MOSELY; JEREMY
STEWART; CHRISTY SNAPP;
GABRIEL VILLANUEVA; KIM SOFFE;
COLLIN PETRIELIUS; and
NAPHCARE, INC.,

Defendants

Case No.: 2:20-cv-00604-CDS-VCF

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
UNOPPOSED PETITION FOR
COMPROMISE OF CLAIMS OF
MINORS**

[ECF No. 64]

Before the Court is Plaintiff's Unopposed Petition for Compromise of Claims of Minors, which was held before a hearing on October 19, 2022. Based upon the representations made in the Petition, at the hearing on the motion, and the Court's own experience and understanding of these matters and its independent duties under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17, good cause having been shown, the Court hereby FINDS:

- 1 (1) The amount of the settlement is fair and reasonable, given the nature of
2 the litigation, the state of the litigation (before expert discovery and any
3 dispositive motions), and the general uncertainty that comes with jury
4 trials in any case and particularly claims against law enforcement.
- 5 (2) The proposed settlement adequately safeguards the interests of the
6 minors and the minor's interests are protected by the proposed
7 settlement. *See Doe by & Through Doe v. Clark Cnty.*, No. 2019 WL
8 861402, at *3 (D. Nev. Feb. 15, 2019) (quoting *Robidoux v. Rosengren*, 638
9 F.3d 1177, 1181-82 (9th Cir. 2011)). The Court finds that the creation of a
10 professionally managed trust, which serves as a fiduciary, and as Co-
11 Trustee by Craig Farah is fair, reasonable, and adequately protects the
12 interests of the minors.
- 13 (3) The payment of the entire settlement amount from LVMPD, \$2,375,000 as
14 equally allocated, following deduction of funds for costs and attorneys fees
15 is fair and reasonable and the minor's are similarly situated with respect
16 to the decedent (Nicholas Farah, their father) such that and equal division
17 between them is fair and reasonable.
- 18 (4) The payment of the remaining funds to the Estate of Nicholas Farah,
19 subject to separate approval in Wisconsin probate, is fair and reasonable
20 to the extent it is before this court.

21 Accordingly, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 17, this court ORDERS
22 that the Unopposed Petition for Compromise is GRANTED as stated above, on the
23 record, and described in the petition.

24 It is so ORDERED.

25 DATED: October 20, 2022

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28 Hon. Cristina D. Silva
United States District Judge